



REMARKS

The purpose of the foregoing Preliminary Amendment is to place the claims of this application in more clear and distinct form, and to provide claims that adequately cover the subject matter of the present invention.

Entry of this Preliminary Amendment prior to the substantive examination of this application on the merits is respectfully requested.

Applicant believes that additional fees are not required in connection with the consideration of this Preliminary Amendment. However, if for any reason a fee is required, a fee paid is inadequate or credit is owed for any excess fee paid, you are hereby authorized and requested to charge and/or credit Deposit Account No. **04-1105**, as necessary, for the correct payment of all fees that may be due in connection with the filing and consideration of this communication.

Respectfully submitted,

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